

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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BIRTH/DEATH RATE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the birth and death rate in the country at present and its trend during last three years, Year-wise; and
(b) the efforts being made by the Government to control the same?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) As per Sample Registration System, the estimates of Crude Birth Rate (CBR) and Crude Death Rate (CDR) for the last three years are as under:-

	CBR	CDR
1998	26.5	9.0
1999	26.0	8.6
2000	25.8	8.5

(b) Since the year 1997, the following major steps have been taken for bringing down the birth rate:

O An integrated and holistic programme for Reproductive and Child Health that include Maternal Health, Child Health and Contraception was taken up.

O Government has adopted a National Population Policy (NPP) in February 2000, which provides for an inter-sectoral agenda to bring about population stabilization. Community involvement in administering family planning services is undertaken.

O For NPP 2000 has the objective of meeting the unmet needs of health infrastructure, health personnel and contraception and providing integrated service delivery for basic reproductive and child health care to be achieved.

O An Empowered Action Group has been constituted under the chairmanship of the Union Health and Family Welfare Minister for focused attention on improving the coverage and outreach of services in the eight states of Uttar Pradesh, Uttaranchal, Bihar, Jharkhand, Rajasthan, Orissa, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh.